



A SENATORIAL STATEMENT Recognizing Garner as an All-America City

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2013, Garner, North Carolina, was recognized as a 2013 All-America City by the National Civic League and was one of 10 communities across the country to win the Award. Garner is the first locality in the Triangle to win the award since Durham in 1982-1983 and the first Wake County municipality to earn the award since Raleigh in 1974-1975. The Award is often called the Nobel Prize of civic accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, the All-America City Award program was founded in 1949 to recognize cities for civic achievements. To be named an All-America City, the community must demonstrate innovation, inclusiveness, civic engagement, and cross-sector collaboration by describing successful efforts to address pressing local challenges. In their applications, All-America City finalists briefly tell their community stories, listing two of their most pressing challenges and three outstanding community projects; and

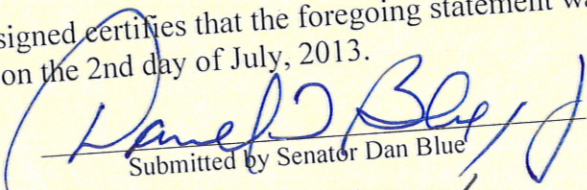
WHEREAS, in a video presentation, the 2011 American Idol winner, Scotty McCreery of Garner, described Garner's three best projects that have resulted in significant local impact and action planning within the past five years. The three projects included the Garner Veterans Memorial at Lake Benson Park, Community of Hope Charity operating out of First Baptist Church of Garner, and the Garner Performing Arts Center. The video also highlighted this year's community-wide initiatives to honor and benefit veterans and military families; and

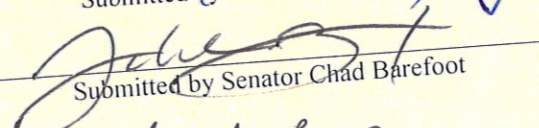
WHEREAS, Garner's application for the Award and the video presentation also cited other citizen-led efforts in Garner, such as the Meals on Wheels program at the Garner Senior Center, the Town's annual Relay For Life event at Lake Benson Park, and the grassroots efforts to save Garner from the "red route" of the Triangle Expressway and to block the closure of the Wake County Library Southeast Regional Branch in Garner;

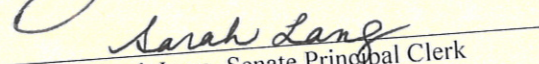
NOW, THEREFORE, Garner deserves recognition for being named a 2013 All-America City and the Town's citizens deserve acknowledgement for their community spirit in helping the Town achieve this Award.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the 2nd day of July, 2013.




Submitted by Senator Dan Blue


Submitted by Senator Chad Barefoot


Sarah Lang, Senate Principal Clerk